

## House Resolution No. 3507

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

**Whereas**, sixty-five years ago Elmer Willard Branstetter took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Nellie Mae Rohlfing, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which took place on June 5, 1939, at the parsonage of the Christian Church in Vandalia with W.W. Marvin officiating; and

**Whereas**, more than six decades later, eighty-five-year-old Elmer and eighty-three-year-old Nellie Branstetter of Bowling Green observed their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary and their respective birthdays by flying to Florida to visit family members and such sightseeing venues as the Holy Land Experience, the World's Largest Orchid Garden, Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede, and Daytona Beach, and to take a riverboat dinner cruise; and

**Whereas**, upon their return to Bowling Green, Elmer and Nellie Branstetter were surprised with a card shower given by family members and friends; and

**Whereas**, the marriage of Elmer and Nellie Branstetter has been richly blessed down through the years by the love and affection of their four children, Carolyn Swanson of Florida, E.W. Branstetter of Curryville, Ruth Marie Korte of Curryville, and Monty Gene Branstetter of Iowa; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren with three more family additions on the way; and

**Whereas**, born on June 5, 1919, Elmer Branstetter served as a Fireman First Class aboard the USS Ingersoll during World War II and subsequently engaged in the profession of farming until his retirement; and

**Whereas**, Nellie Branstetter was born on May 30, 1921; married her beloved Elmer on his twentieth birthday; and proved to be a true, equal helper in life; and

**Whereas**, Elmer and Nellie Branstetter used the occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the wonderful day they became husband and wife:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long and productive marriage of Elmer and Nellie Branstetter and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate the Sixty-fifth Anniversary of their marriage; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Elmer and Nellie Branstetter of Bowling Green, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3507, adopted June 30, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker